

HRDC JACK SEARS TROPHY

for 1958-1966 TOURING CARS

The HRDC is delighted to return to the Autumn Classic with three race sets, the earliest of which is named for one of Great Britain's most versatile closed-wheel racers. Norfolk farmer 'Gentleman Jack' Sears (1930-2016) excelled in tip tops, winning the inaugural BRSCC British Saloon Car Championship in 1958 - after a post-season shoot out with Tommy Sopwith! - in an Austin A105 Westminster, effectively a Healey in a different battledress. Jack subsequently raced Sopwith's Equipe Endeavour Jaguars, then became the first double BSCC champion in 1963, proving that John Willment's mighty seven-litre Ford Galaxie was not only a straight-line wonder, but also went round corners.

Sears raced big-banger GT and sportscars with aplomb too. Mastering Willment's new and unique take on Carroll

Shelby's Cobra Daytona Coupe, and thick fog close to his home, he won the 1964 Autosport Three Hours at Snetterton. In 1965 he partnered F1 World Champion Jim Clark in the works Lotus Cortinas and finished fifth at Le Mans, sharing a Ferrari 330LMB with Mike Salmon.

Today's intriguing pit-stop race, for soloists and double-driver teams, features a broad spectrum of Touring Cars spanning Sears' 1958-'66 career. From a Riley One-Point-Fives - one with Harry Leston up, emulating grandfather Les - to rorty Ford Mustangs and Falcon Sprint, via Austin A35s and A40s to Minis (including a van!), it will be entertainment all the way in classes celebrating period heroes. Watch for TV personality Drew Pritchard in his VW Beetle.

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No:	Class	Driver	Driver 2	Car	Year	CC	Colour
11	LESTON	Ding Boston		OUMF Riley 1.5	1959	1860	Grey
13	LESTON	Drew Pritchard		VW Beetle	1958	1584	Black
68	LESTON	Marc Gordon		Jaguar XK150S	1958	3781	Green
77	LESTON	Mike Jordan	Andrew Jordan	Austin 'GT40'	1958	1293	White/Black
114	LESTON	David Keating		Austin A40 Speedwell	1961	1293	Red/Black
120	LESTON	Phil Bullen-Brown		Austin A35 Speedwell	1958	1293	White
144	LESTON	Sharlie Goddard		Sunbeam Rapier	1963	1725	Light Blue
177	LESTON	Harry Leston	Oliver Leston	Riley 1.5	1959	1850	Black/Grey
199	LESTON	Robert Burdett		Austin A40 Speedwell	1959	1293	Red/White
5	MANN	Pete Chambers		Lotus Ford Cortina Mk.1	1963	1598	Red
42	MANN	John Spiers	Nigel Greensall	Lotus Ford Cortina Mk.1	1965	1580	Cream
72	MANN	Roy Alderslade		Lotus Ford Cortina Mk.1	1963	1598	White/Green
82	MANN	Christopher Goddard	Harrison Goddard	Alfa Romeo Giulia Super Ti	1964	1600	White
85	RHODES	Sam Summerhayes		Austin Mini Cooper S	1962	1293	Blue/Grey
88	RHODES	Nick Paddy		Austin Mini Van	1962	1293	Grey
98	RHODES	Mike Davies	John Davies	Austin Mini Cooper S	1964	1293	Red/Black
121	RHODES	Aaron Smith	Piers Thynne	Austin Mini Cooper S	1963	1293	Red
155	RHODES	Christopher Edmunds		Morris Mini Cooper S	1964	1293	Blue/White
216	RHODES	Tony Wighton		Mini Cooper S	1963	1298	Surf Blue
228	RHODES	Ryck Turner	Vernon Moore	Morris Mini Cooper S	1965	1293	Willow Green
14	SEARS	Beau Parry	Simon Hadfield	Ford Mustang	1965	4700	Blue/Gold
46	SEARS	Jerry Bailey		Ford Mustang 289	1965	4700	Blue
63	SEARS	Tristan Simpson	Vance Kearney	Studebaker Lark	1963	4421	White
73	SEARS	Chris Clarkson		Ford Falcon Sprint	1964	4700	Blue/White